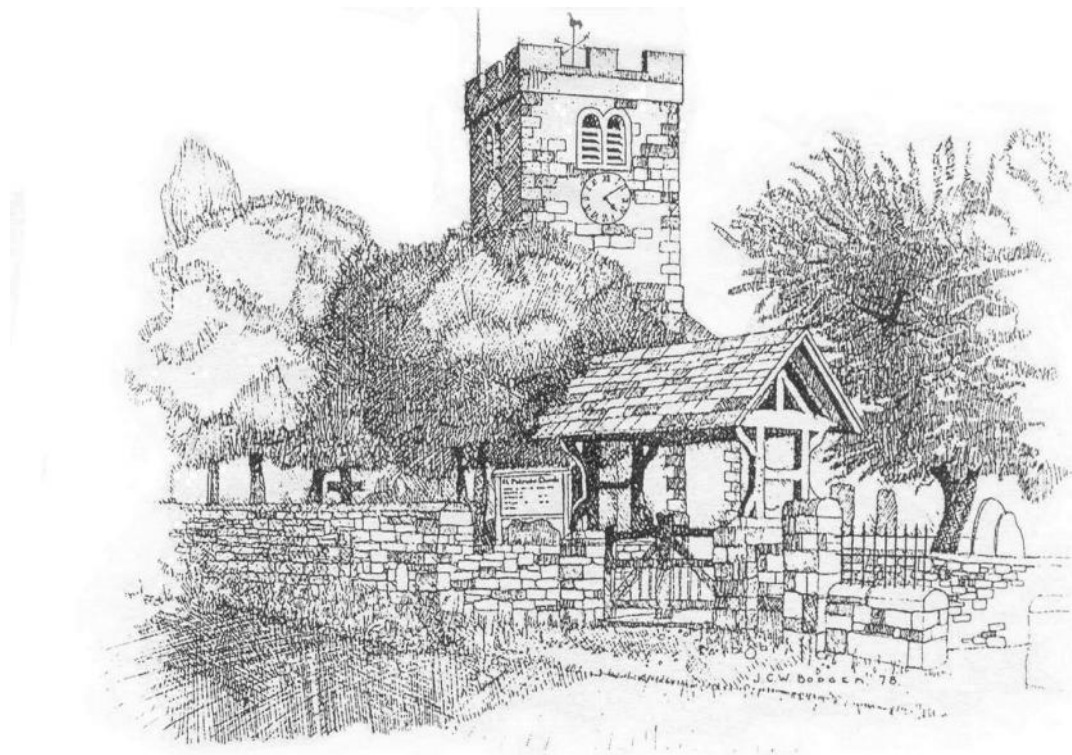


BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY - MARCH 2016



Dear Friends

By the time you read this we will be a whole month into 2016. However I hope it is not too late to wish you 'Happy New Year.' 2016 promises to be a year of change internationally and locally – nothing new there then! Change is such an important part of our lives and in fact, as I have often reminded my students, when you stop facing change it is because you are dead! This goes for our corporate lives just as much as for our personal lives. We know that our children and grandchildren are constantly changing, growing, developing, being equipped for new challenges and new ways of doing things. If they stopped doing this we would quite rightly be worried as it would mean that something was very wrong and their ability to function successfully as adults would be seriously impaired.

In our parishes we are seeing some changes in the way we organise ourselves as we move to new 'Ecumenical Mission Communities'. The churches and chapels of our area will move to appoint local Congregational Leaders to take more responsibility for the way they run the day to day activities. Meanwhile the clergy will spend more of their time offering support and input to people in the community and being involved in new community initiatives that are of use to the whole community including, but not exclusively, those who come to church

regularly. I know that the caring people will still be looking after the needs of the community – some things do not change.

I am encouraged that this area has so much potential for this growth and development. There are such wonderful people here who help and support each other in so many ways. The recent pulling together of the community during the flooding is illustrative of how strong the community spirit is. Caring and supporting the spiritual needs of the area is part of this community attitude and I am really looking forward to hearing how this develops in High Westmorland.

However, change is coming for me and my husband Brian as we move to new parishes at the end of February. We have been here for seven and a half years – although it does not seem like it. Our last Sunday service, therefore, will be **10.30am on 21st February at St. Michael's Church Shap**. This will be followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the Memorial Hall and I do hope as many of you as possible will join us.

We will be very sorry to leave this beautiful area and the even more wonderful people. However change is part of life and I feel God has called us to help prepare the people of the Loughrigg Partnership (Ambleside, Brathay and Loughrigg communities) to move to Mission Communities. I am very grateful for the way that the people of this area have let me minister to them. You have taught me so much which I hope I can take into the new post. I know that a new person with new ideas can take things forward here as there is such a rich resource of special people to make it work.

So, the New Year means new changes – but the fundamentals are the same. People loving and watching out for others and a God who loves us so much he was prepared to come in human form to show us that while human bodies change, and the way we organise ourselves to serve each other changes, God's love that is stronger than death is the same today, tomorrow and forever.

*Yours,
Beverley*

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From the Register

Interment and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

Elizabeth 'Liz' Hall (who died 27th November)

Monday, 7th December

Farewell to Beverley

After seven and a half years as Priest in Charge of the High Westmorland Parishes, the Rev. Beverley Lock is leaving us in February to take up an appointment as Team Rector of the Loughrigg Team Ministry at Ambleside.

During her time here, Beverley has provided inspired spiritual leadership to us all, and her example will guide us through the coming weeks especially in the challenging process of recruiting her successor.

Beverley's last service here in Bampton will be on **Sunday 7th February**, for the Holy Communion service at **9.15am**. And her final service with us will be at the five parish joint service at St. Michael's, Shap on **Sunday February 21st**. This service will be at **10.30am**, followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Shap Memorial Hall. Contributions to this lunch can be left at the hall before the service from 9.30am onwards.

On Palm Sunday, **20th March**, at **2.30pm**, there will be a service of institution for Beverley's induction at Ambleside. A coach is being laid on for those who do not wish to travel separately, and seats can be reserved at a cost of £6 each with Elaine Allison at Shap on 01931 716771.

The Wardens, Lay Readers, retired clergy, the PCC and parishioners give wholehearted thanks for her devoted service, and wish Beverley and Brian a happy and successful ministry in Ambleside.

The Church Wardens

Passover

As usual, we will be holding a Passover service on the evening of **Maundy Thursday, 24th March** in the Church hall at **7pm**. The Rev. Christopher Jenkin has kindly agreed to lead this service, at which all will be welcome. There will be a simple bring-and-share supper following the service, so would anybody planning to go please contact Kathy Jenkins on 01931 714400.

Easter Services

Friday 25th March at 10am - a quiet service for the day.

Easter Saturday 26th March at 6pm – Eastingle and Service of Light; this is especially for families, though adults without children are also very welcome! There will be plenty of action and candles. Come to the Church Hall at **5.30pm** to make your Eastingles.

Easter Sunday 27th March, 10am – Easter Holy Communion with Sandra.

Bampton PCC

Christmas Coffee and Gifts

Many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this event the great success that it was. And, of course many thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed the occasion. We raised £832 – a splendid result in view of changed date and dreadful weather. Your support is much appreciated as it all goes to help cover the essential maintenance costs in keeping the church up and running for the community!

Lent Lunches

This year we shall again be providing a simple lunch of soup (homemade and delicious!), rolls and coffee or tea in the Church Hall on Mondays during Lent. The lunches will start at 12.30pm. There will not be a charge but all donations will be shared between the Cumbria Flood Relief Fund and the International Red Cross. We hope that this will be an opportunity for many people in the village to enjoy a sociable lunch and also to support two very worthwhile charities. The lunches will take place on **15th, 22nd and 29th February** and the **7th and 14th March**.

Lent discussion groups

As in previous years these will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30pm to 4pm, and we shall again be following a York Lent course.

This year the title is "The Psalms, prayers for today's church." The contributors are well-known Christian thinkers who come from different Christian denominations and everyone, not just members of St Patrick's, is very welcome to attend. The dates and venues for the meetings are:-

Tuesday 16th February 65 Burnbanks, hosted by Diana & Philip Nicholson

Tuesday 23rd February Irving House Sleagill, hosted by Kathy Jenkins

Tuesday 1st March Lowther Cottage, Knipe, hosted by Tony Hall

Tuesday 8th March 65 Burnbanks, hosted by Diana & Philip Nicholson

Tuesday 15th March venue to be agreed

If you would like a lift to any of these meetings or any further information please contact Diana on 713194

St Patrick's Day Supper on Thursday, 17th March

There will be a Pies, Peas, Potatoes and Puddings supper in the Church Hall starting at **7pm**, followed by a glass of Patrick's Potent Poteen. If you wish to come, please inform Maureen Barber (713314). Since numbers are limited it is wise to get your tickets early. The cost is £15 and the proceeds will go towards the upkeep of St Patrick's.

There will be a short service beforehand at **6.30pm** for those who wish to attend, as Patrick is our patron saint.

Church Bells

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has established a sub-committee to consider the state and condition of the existing bells in the light of recent concerns and the surge of interest from a local team of enthusiasts, and to see what improvements can be recommended. It is known that the bells date from the early 18th century and are suspended from an original oak bell frame. For at least the last twenty years it has only been possible for the bells to be "chimed", rather than "rung up", due to concerns for the integrity of the frame fixings and the tower.

Bampton PCC

Cumbria Community Foundation

As a measure of our concern for flooding damage in the locality and county, the church organized a retiring collection at the pre-Christmas Carol Service. As a result, we were able to send £262 to the charity organization Cumbria Community Foundation to help towards flood relief.

The Church Wardens

Drop in for Coffee

Our drop-in mornings are continuing to be a great success, providing opportunities for a warm drink and a catch-up. Our drop-in dates for the next two months are **Wednesday 10th February** and **Wednesday 9th March**, any time between **10.30am** and **12 noon** in the Church Hall. As before, this is not a fund raising event; it is just an opportunity to get out and meet people. If you would like to come and need a lift, then please contact me. We look forward to seeing you.

Diana Nicholson 713194

Bishop Chris Edmondson, former Vicar of Bampton, to retire

The Bishop of Bolton, the Rt. Revd. Chris Edmondson, has announced that he will retire next June on his 66th birthday. Bishop Chris will retire to Yorkshire, having been appointed Bishop of Bolton in 2008. Bishop Chris plans to hold a Farewell and Thanksgiving at Bolton Parish Church on **15th May** – Pentecost Sunday.

Following retirement, Chris and his wife Susan will live between Bradford and Leeds, where, as well as playing a part in a local church and the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, Chris intends to keep a closer eye on the fortunes of Bradford City football club and Yorkshire cricket!

Crown & Mitre

To celebrate Valentine's Day on **Sunday 14th February** why don't you surprise your other half with a meal for two at The Crown and Mitre. Provided you have two courses each, which must include a main course, we will give you a bottle of house white or red wine to go with your meal.

Jane and the Team

Village Choir

Our first 'practice' of the New Year will be held on **Monday, 15th February** at **Bryham House** from **6pm – 7pm**. At the meeting we shall discuss 'where we go from here' and arrange any future dates.

John Garside

Tinclar's Library

The Library will be open in the Church Hall on **Monday 1st February** and **Monday 7th March** from **7pm – 9.30pm**.

The Trustees

Looking forward to spring on Bomby Green

It may seem a long way off but soon there will be signs of spring on Bomby Green. This year we are hoping to encourage more bird life by putting up bird boxes. To help with the cost of this and other expenses we are making an appeal for funds. John Stones in the Post Office has kindly agreed to host a collecting box for donations. We know a lot of you enjoy seeing Bomby looking better so hope you will feel able to make a contribution to the cost of upkeep. The box will be on the counter from February 1st so please add a donation.

Last year we had more willing hands to help with keeping the green tidy and this helps keep our costs down. Anyone who is interested should feel free to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday March 16th** in the Small Hall at **7.30pm**.

Katharine Cooke for the Bomby Green Management Committee

50/50 Club

Very many thanks to all who have supported this fund raiser for 2016. Your allocated numbers are displayed on the Post Office notice board, so good luck. If you have forgotten to renew your membership or you are a new member it's not too late to join. All monies collected are shared equally between cash prizes and the Memorial Hall funds. Application forms are available from Bampton Post Office or from Christine Evans at Brandscroft, Gatefoot, Bampton. The 50/50 Club is open to everybody and costs £1 per month to be paid in a lump sum for the year i.e. £11 pounds for 11 months, £10 for 10 months etc. Full details are on the application form. Remember, if you're not in it, you can't win it! A list of previous winners is displayed in the Post Office.

Christine Evans (713645)

Half Marathon

It is that time of year again! The Half Marathon will be held on **6th March** and as usual will start from the Memorial Hall. We need volunteers to help with serving food, drinks and helping out generally. If you feel you can help, please contact Lesley on 713530 or Elsie on 713157. Please note that parking will be limited so it would be appreciated if volunteers could car share.

Lesley White for the Bampton Memorial Hall Committee

Traffic disruptions

Before Christmas a notice appeared in the Herald about road works in the village but unfortunately it coincided with the weekend of 'the great flood' and so the edition did not reach Bampton Post Office.

A four day temporary road closure is to be imposed in the village from **8th February** while work is carried out to a 40m stretch of the C3043 near The Mews, Bampton in the vicinity of the telephone exchange. Diversion notices will be set up. Residents will still be able to access both sides of the village during the closure as a route for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained.

Malcolm Evans, Bampton Highwayman

Bampton Community First Responders

Update

The team's fourth pager has arrived ensuring on-call team members can be contacted more quickly allowing a faster response time when needed. Our monthly team training meetings are continuing despite the winter weather ensuring that the team are up to scratch with the necessary skills. All the team members also attended the 2 day Bampton first aid course in December and passed with flying colours! Thank you all for your continued support, without which we wouldn't be able to continue helping the community. Look out for more fundraising events happening soon.

If you feel unwell and think it is a medical emergency DIAL 999 or 112 and ask for AMBULANCE. Any on call CFR's will then be tasked by Ambulance control to attend if appropriate.

Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team.

Fundraiser

On the **20th February** the First Responders' annual Big Breakfast will be held in the village hall, in aid of the first responders from **10am – 2pm**. If breakfasts are booked in advance (by 5pm Wednesday 17th February) the cost will be £6 per head (under 12's £4) or £8 on the door! So book early, it could be a late Valentines present or an early Mother's Day gift. Treat someone special and raise funds for our responders! Tickets are available from the Post Office.

Also, Bradley Russell (with the help of his dad, Julian) will be washing cars to raise money for his forthcoming trip to South Africa, let's hope the weather is a little warmer and dryer!

Photo Competition

Calling all amateur photographers – we will be launching the Bampton Community First Responders calendar photo competition in the near future, so get snapping away! Look out for more details in the next newsletter.

Petra Russell

Freegle Give and Take in Shap

Grab yourself a freebie on **Saturday 5th March** from **10am until 2pm** at the Freegle Give and Take at the Old Courthouse in Shap. Bring along stuff to give away if you can! Items to give away can be dropped off the day before from 2pm–7pm or from 9am on the day. Anything left over will either be Freegled or given away to the Second Chance local charity shop to sell.

Chris Cant - <http://www.penrithact.org.uk/freegle-give-and-take-shap-march-2016>

Children in Need

The Children in Need collection for 2015 in the Village Shop raised £65.07. Many thanks to everybody who donated to this worthwhile charity.

John Stones

Volunteers Required

Volunteers are needed to help clear the debris from the floods from around the Village Hall – if you feel you can help please contact Lesley (713350) or Lucinda (713245)

Bampton Amblers

In view of all the recent horrendous weather/floods it was inevitable that our scheduled walks would be affected. However, we did manage a great ‘Christmas’ walk to see the spectacular falls at Measand with the route being, surprisingly, quite dry underfoot; a short walk from Askham to Pooley Bridge with refreshments to support Granny Dowbekin’s café; a climb over Whinell Beacon where we were rewarded with excellent views of the Kent estuary; and a walk to the series of cascades from the waterfalls at the head of Swindale where the group was closely monitored from the summit of the adjacent rocky crags by a magnificent herd of red deer. Why not shed those few extra Christmas pounds by joining us on our forthcoming walks. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

Friday 5th February Meet at **10.00am** David & Heather (716861)

[Easy: Morland & the River Lyvennet – 6 miles]

Sunday 14th February Meet at **9.30am** David & Heather (716861)

[Mod: See PO notice board for details]

Tuesday 23rd February Meet at **9.30am** David & Katharine (713392)

[Hard: Loadpot Hill & Arthur’s Pike – 9¾ miles]

Saturday 5th March Meet at **9.30am** David & Katharine (713392)

[Mod: Ascent of Clough Head – 5 miles]

Monday 14th March Meet at **10.00am** Leader required

[Easy: See PO notice board for details]

Tuesday 22nd March Meet at **9.30am** Leader required

[Hard: See PO notice board for details]

Wednesday 30th March Meet at **1.30pm** Leader required

[Easy: See PO notice board for details]

Meet at the Memorial Hall in Bampton and bring a packed lunch, unless advised otherwise. Please note that start times may vary from those quoted depending on the nature of the walk, so please see the notice board in Bampton Post Office for full details of/changes to all walks. In the event of bad weather please contact the above leaders.

Heather Pitt and Alison Jones

Pilates

Pilates restarted on Monday 25th January after a long winter break, so it's time to get back to looking after your health and putting into practice those New Year resolves. Classes are on **Mondays**, either **7-8pm** or **8-9pm**. Either just come along or contact Alexis for further information on 07411 902674 or email penrithpilates@gmail.com

Used Stamps

Thank you to everybody who saved their used stamps for me to pass on to two charity shops in Penrith. They are always so grateful for them and it is such an easy way to help. Please just leave plenty of borders around the stamp. Thank you all.

Elsie Mounsey

Yoga

Would you like to join a Yoga class? Ellen, who lives in Naddlegate has a time slot available for a class in Bampton. The class would be on **Tuesdays at 5pm–6.30pm** starting mid February. It will be a mixed ability class, so all are welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact Jane on 713490.

February Fun at Bampton Winter Sports

This year the Winter Games will take place on **Sunday February 28th**. Doors open at **1.30pm** and until we run out of energy at about 4pm there is all sorts of indoor fun to be had, from a quiet game of chess to a full-on snowball fight. For those who haven't sampled the snowballs before, rest assured we are not waiting for more snow to fall – plenty of scrap paper goes into our balls!

Entry is free but we do ask that small children are accompanied by an adult. Refreshments are on sale: homemade cakes, tea, coffee, soft drinks. It's a heart-warming way to pass a winter's afternoon and you only have to be young at heart to join in so why not come and see for yourself?

When summer comes, there will be the outdoor traditional Sports Day – **Sunday July 3rd**. More details nearer the time.

Katharine Cooke for the Bampton Sports Committee

Bampton WI

Our first meeting for 2016 was a very busy night as we did not have a meeting in December. Part of the meeting was a discussion to see what we could enter in the WI Show at Appleby in March. The theme is children's literature and the categories are Craft, Preserves, Floral, Painting and Cookery. We ended the night with a cup of tea and two pencil and paper games kindly organised by Lesley White – thank you Lesley!

At our meeting on **February 9th** we will have a speaker from the charity "Blood Bike". This charity organises the transfer of blood to where it is required. This is an open meeting so do come along and learn how this worthwhile and valuable charity works.

On **March 8th** (also an open meeting) the speaker is our friend David Allison who will give a slide show on "Rails through the Rockies". David's presentation was extremely popular last time he visited our meeting and all are welcome.

Elsie Mounsey

French Conversation Group

The group will continue to meet at fortnightly intervals on **Mondays**, at **2pm**, in the Church Hall. In Marion's absence Roger Storey will co-ordinate the meetings. New members are always welcome.

Roger Storey 713490

Bampton Memorial Hall: Recycling

Can we encourage you to continue to bring waste paper, card and bottles to the recycling bins at the Memorial Hall? The Hall is paid for recycling these items collected in the bins and this provides a valuable income, helping to keep the hall in good condition – you will see that the main hall and kitchen have just been redecorated. Keep using the green boxes and bags for other items of course, but paper and glass to the hall please!

Memorial Hall Committee

Bampton Parish Council

Councillors began the January meeting of the Parish Council with a minute's silence to respect the memory of Liz Hall who served the council and community for so many years. She will be sadly missed for her wisdom and commitment to the service of Bampton.

Before the meeting proper John Turner, representing the Fieldbarns Trust, gave a short presentation on its plans to bring disused field barns into use as holiday accommodation by inserting self contained pods into the structures. Several barns in the Rosgill area have been identified as the best sites for this project.

Vicky Haddock was co-opted to the council to fill the vacancy left by Liz Hall's death so there are now 7 councillors again.

Concerns were raised about dog walkers who stray from footpaths and walk through fields where there is no public right of way, sometimes leaving gates open and thus allowing animals to escape. Please remember to shut gates and only use proper signed footpaths when you are walking. The Right to Roam does not apply to all land around the village! Also please do remember to clean up after your dogs when in the village.

The Council agreed to contribute to the cost of the resurfacing and consolidation of the parking area by Grange Bridge which Highways will carry out. An application to the LDNPA Sustainability Fund for a grant for part of this has been made.

The recent very bad weather has meant that Eden Rivers Trust has not yet been able to carry out consultation meetings to discuss future work on the River Lowther which may have some effect on flooding in the future. Anyone who was flooded this time should have had information about grants and other assistance available from both EDC and CCC. It has been noticed that there are still sandbags in the road in some places and these should be returned to where they came from to avoid potential spillage of sand into drains. It is hoped that eventually all the road problems will be remedied but it was pointed out that Highways are extremely overstretched and under budgeted at present. Some

repairs done earlier are now needing to be done again as the rain has washed out the patching!

The next meeting of the Council will be on **Tuesday March 22nd** and all parishioners are welcome to attend. You are reminded that if you have any matters that you think should be discussed at a meeting you can contact any councillor. They are there to serve the parish.

Richard Carruthers 713280; John Stones 713351; Bethany Leckie 713675; Neil Hughes 713401; Ray Bruin 713172; Vicki Buss 713520; and Vicky Haddock.

Marion Drinkwater (Clerk)

Bampton Cinema: – 2015-2016

Saturday 13th February: *Annie Hall* (USA, 1977) cert 15, 93 mins, genre: classic, drama.

Annie Hall has been described by an American critic as “just about everybody’s favourite Woody Allen movie”. Starring Woody Allen and Diane Keaton, the film captures their love affair set in Manhattan, moving to Los Angeles when Alvy’s (Woody’s) insecurities get the better of him and he lets Annie (Diane) move on. But will he go to any lengths to get her back...?

A perfect film for Valentine’s Day just round the corner. Make it a date.

Saturday 19th March: *Slow West* (Australia/UK/NZ, 2015) cert 15, 84 mins, genre: Western.

This film offers an inventive treat for fans of the Western (and we’ve not shown a Western before). Michael Fassbender and Kodi-Smit-McPhee star. Set in the late 1800s, the story follows 16 year-old Jay Cavendish (Smit-McPhee) as he goes on a journey from Scotland to America travelling across the Wild West in an attempt to find his sweetheart Rose Ross. Jay meets the mysterious Silas Selleck (Fassbender) on the way and together they face up to the harsh environment and a band of bounty hunters. A short film called *Wurst* (15) will start the evening as an extra treat.

Saturday 9th April: *Dark Horse* (UK, 2015) cert PG, 84 mins, genre: documentary.

This is Grand National Day; further information about the film in the next parish newsletter.

The venue is Bampton Memorial Hall, **doors opening at 7pm; film starts at 7:30pm.** Tickets are on sale at the door on the night, price **£4 adults, £2 U16. Film plus supper ticket can be bought in advance at Bampton Post Office, price £8 adults; £6 U16.** This is superb value for a great night out; meal served at **6pm.**

We’re on Facebook, Twitter and the parish website where you’ll find details and links to film trailers.

If you would like to find out more about Bampton cinema and can commit some time and enthusiasm to help out on the night please contact:

*Hazel Eccles (713311), Katharine Cooke (713392), Mike Jones,
for Bampton cinema committee*

Rainfall 2015 Mill Craggs Bampton – A Wet Year.

Following on the item in the Bampton Parish Newsletter, February – March 2015, I thought readers might be interested in the data for the past year which was probably the wettest in living memory.

December will be the month that will be remembered, very wet but very mild – more than 27 inches of rain falling but day time temperatures as high as 12c. This followed on a November which in itself was nearly twice the average. In fact over 1,000mm (40 inches) fell in these 2 months – no wonder there were floods!

However, September and October were very dry with only 50% of average. Water levels in Haweswater were very low, so Storm Desmond wasn't as devastating for Bampton as it was for others in Cumbria. Haweswater only started to “spill over” later in December when kite surfing was seen on a field near the Black Bridge. Only 20 years ago in 1995 the total rainfall for December was only 35mm, just over 1 inch!

The year started with chilly nights and much colder but drier than 2014. There were only 4 months where sub-zero temperatures were not recorded, but the mild wet air of November and December kept temperatures from dropping as low as usual. The summer... what summer? What will 2016 bring? Already a mixed bag, but rainfall below average!

	Rainfall mm	% of Average	Min Temp
January	266	139	-7.0c
February	102	73	-8.5c
March	128	132	-4.5c
January-March	496	116	
April	65	80	-4.4c
May	158	175	-2.2c
Jun	57	73	+0.6c
April-June	280	112	
July	101	116	+3.9c
August	131	131	+3.4c
September	53	49	+0.9c
July-September	285	98	
October	80	52	-1.6c
November	327	190	-4.2c
December	686	360	-2.3c
October-December	1093	211	
January-June	776	114	
July-December	1378	170	
Year 2015	2154	144	

David Cooke

Bampton and District Local History Society

The Society held its annual Christmas Quiz at the beginning of December with more teams entering than ever. The festive cheer did not diminish the concentration and ingenuity of those who participated and the winners of a keenly fought contest were in doubt to the very last round. History is alive and well in these parts!

Our next meeting is more serious but none the less enjoyable. On **Tuesday February 2nd** Rob David returns to give another contribution to mark World War One. Rob will talk on the fate of Germans and Austrians who found themselves in Cumbria during the Great War.

In March, there will be two meetings – on **Tuesday March 1st** Andy Connell will talk about the history of the Appleby Horse Fair and on **Tuesday March 15th from 2pm** there will be an afternoon session where we will show some recently acquired photos of Bampton and Burnbanks dating from the 1920s. We hope that people can help us identify the photos which show new aspects of life in our village.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new members!

Pat Garside, BDLHS

December Floods

A big thank you to Mr. Rory Stewart for his prompt assistance in organising the delivery of 400+ sandbags for the village, via the Environment Agency, during Storm Eva.

Janet Stones

Voluntary Car Scheme

From 3rd January to 31st December 2015 we had 108 voluntary car runs. Although I will continue as the Car Scheme Co-ordinator I am now too old to be a voluntary driver. I would like to say a big thank you to all the drivers of the car scheme who willingly gave up their time to help. If anybody would like to be added to the list of volunteers please contact me. Hopefully we will be able to continue the scheme in Bampton for a few more years.

Elsie Mounsey

EdenSave Credit Union

If you get into financial straits, please look for help from our local community bank, EdenSave, who do affordable loans and let you save up a nest egg – www.edensave.com, 01768 890065. It's open at 34 Devonshire Arcade, Penrith from **10.30am to 1pm during the week**. EdenSave credit union has now been running successfully for over two years and has made over £120k of loans to members across Eden District, many of whom had been struggling with payday lenders or an unexpected change of circumstances. EdenSave is staffed entirely by local volunteers and is always on the lookout for more help to reach more Penrith and Eden residents. You can find out more at its AGM on **Wednesday 3rd February** at the Methodist Hall on Wordsworth Street, Penrith starting at **6.30pm**.

African Evening at Orton

“Five from Orton went to Uganda” will be presented in Orton Market Hall on **Saturday 12th March at 6.30pm.**

Adults: £5, Primary children: Free. Price includes supper.

Proceeds to go to the two Ugandan schools linked to local schools – Kitwamba with Shap and Busunga with Orton.

Tickets from Mary Jenkin (015396 24410) or from Orton Village Store.

Events in Shap

The Old Courthouse

Opening Times: Mondays 11am–2pm, Tuesdays 2–5pm, Wednesdays 11am–2pm, Fridays 2–7pm, Saturdays 10am–12 noon.

Library Link opens at the above times. **NatWest Bank Bus** in the forecourt Wednesdays 12.45–1.45pm.

Monday 1st February 2–3pm – Wordsworth Trust, Rucksack of Rhymes ‘Winter’ for Parents with Pre-school/Nursery children.

Monday 1st February 6.30–7pm – Councillors Surgery

Neil Hughes, CCC and John Owen, EDC available for confidential discussion.

Friday 12th February 7–8.30pm – Poetry & Storytelling

Tuesday 16th February (Half-term week) 2–3.30pm – Wordsworth Trust, Family Activity

Sunday 28th February 2–5pm – Music Jam Session

Saturday 5th March 10am–2pm – Freegle Give and Take Event

Tel. Chris 01931 713240 for details

Monday 7th March 12 noon–4pm – Information Day

The following organisations are amongst those invited to take part; EdenSave Credit Union, Alzheimer’s Side by Side Project, Age UK, Citizen’s Advice Bureau, CAfS, Shap Community Enterprise (Charity Shop), Shap CDC, Neil Hughes, CCC, John Owen, EDC, Flood relief organisations. Come and find out what services could benefit you and how we can help make them more accessible.

Thursday 17th March 7–9pm – St Patrick’s Day Event

Celebrate Irish culture, bring a poem or music to share.

Art Exhibition

The exhibition of artwork by Christine Longmire, Kayleigh Richardson, Steve Valentine and Deborah Windsor is continuing into March. There will be a new exhibition of work by other artists opening before Easter.

Come and get involved at the Old Courthouse!

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers – manning the information desk, cleaning, decorating, seeking funding, helping to organise activities. So if you think you could spare some time to help us revitalise this wonderful community asset then please email: admin@theoldcourthouse.org or tel. 07555 021295

For full details visit: <http://theoldcourthouse.org>

Janet Wood

Highlights Rural Touring

Box of Tricks Theatre Company presents 'Chip Shop Chips'

Shap Memorial Hall, Sunday 28th February at 7pm

Telling the funny and nostalgic tale of two interwoven love stories and celebrating the nation's favourite food, *Chip Shop Chips* is an immersive love story set in a chippy. Audiences are invited to put on their dancing shoes, tuck into a fish supper and enjoy a unique theatrical experience.

It's the grand reopening of Booth's Fish & Chip Shop. Eric has returned home after forty years and it's time for a fresh start. But old flame Christine has other ideas. Transported back to a time of chippy teas and Northern Soul, there's unfinished business for these old lovers. Watching teenage love stumble as hapless Lee makes a pass at the beautiful Jasmine, is it all just history repeating?

"How could we not bring this performance to Shap – home of the award winning 'Shap Chippy' who will be providing the food for the event?"

The ticket price includes food. **A meat or vegetarian option is available but any preference must be stated at the time of booking. Tickets are strictly limited.**

Tel 01931 716273

Belshazzar's Feast

Shap Memorial Hall, Sunday 15th May at 7.30pm

'Their music is breathtaking and wickedly inventive and the between-tunes interchange as intelligent and hilarious as the music.' Mike Harding, BBC Radio 2

Tel 01931 716273

Exciting Courses in Shap!

Dressmaking Continued starts **Thursday 25th February 7—9pm** in Shap Memorial Hall for 5 weeks

Contemporary Still Life & Flower Painting starts **Thursday 25th February 10am–12 noon** in Shap Memorial Hall for 6 weeks

Felt Rugs on **Saturday 6th February 10am–4pm** in Shap Memorial Hall

Cold Connections on **Saturday 27th February 10am–4pm** in Shap Memorial Hall

DSLR Cameras for Beginners starts **Saturday 20th February 10am–3pm** in Shap CDC for 2 weeks

Other courses include: Fabulous Fleece Flowers on **Saturday 5th March**

Spring Songbirds & Hares on **Saturday 19th March**

Make a Shopping Bag! on **Saturday 12th March**

Plus.....Beginners Crochet; Getting to grips with your Tablet; Windows 10; House History; Mindfulness; Hand-Building with Clay & Pastels Workshop; Spring Photography

For further details please contact Julie at Shap CDC.

Tel: 01931 716447 or email: cdc@shap.cumbria.sch.uk

For full course information visit our website at www.shapcdc.org.uk

The local bus

The bus is run by Fellrunner and operates every **Thursday**. It will leave **Burnbanks at 10.00am**, travelling via **Grange Bridge (10.07am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 1.30pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.02pm** and **Burnbanks at 2.16pm**. Bus passes can be used. Use it or lose it!

Bampton Village Website - www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on chris@phdcc.com or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

PARISH DIARY (Note MH = Memorial Hall)

FEBRUARY

- Mo 1st Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
- Tu 2nd BDLHS, MH, 7.30pm, "Germans & Austrians in Cumbria during the First World War" by Rob David
- We 3rd Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
- Fri 5th Bampton Amblers, Meet MH, 10am
- Su 7th Holy Communion with Beverley, 9.15am
- Mo 8th French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
- Tu 9th WI meeting, MH, 7.15pm, Speaker from charity "Blood Bike" – Open meeting – All welcome
- We 10th Drop in for Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30am-12 noon
Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
- Sa 13th Orton Farmers' Market, 9.30am-2.30pm
Bampton Cinema, MH, "Annie Hall". Doors open 7pm
- Su 14th Bampton Amblers, Meet MH, 9.30am
Sung Evensong with Neil, 6pm
Valentine's Day – see the special deal at the Crown & Mitre
- Mo 15th Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.30pm. All welcome
Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
- Tu 16th Lent Discussion Group, 65 Burnbanks, 2.30-4pm
- We 17th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
- Sa 20th Big Breakfast, MH, 10am-2pm
- Su 21st Joint service at Shap with Beverley **10.30am**, followed by bring-and-share lunch at Shap MH

Mo 22nd Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.30pm. All welcome
 French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Tu 23rd Bampton Amblers, Meet MH, 9.30am
 Lent Discussion Group, Irving House, Sleagill, 2.30-4pm

We 24th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
 CAMEO, Church Hall, 7.30pm

Th 25th Quiz, Crown & Mitre

Su 28th Holy Communion by extension with Diana, **10am**
 Winter Sports, MH, 1.30-4pm

Mo 29th Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.30pm. All welcome
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

MARCH

Tu 1st Lent Discussion Group, Lowther Cottage, Knipe, 2.30-4pm
 BDLHS, MH, 7.30pm, "The History of Appleby Fair"
 by Andy Connell

We 2nd Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

Fr 4th Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St Michael's Shap, **2pm**

Sa 5th Bampton Amblers, Meet MH, 9.30am
 Freegle, Give and Take, The Old Courthouse, Shap 10am-2pm

Su 6th The Half Marathon, MH, 9.30am-4pm
 Service for Mothering Sunday with Diana, **10am**

Mo 7th Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.30pm. All welcome
 French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
 Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Tu 8th Lent Discussion Group, 65 Burnbanks, 2.30-4pm
 WI meeting, MH, 7.15pm, "Rails through the Rockies" by David
 Allison – Open meeting – All welcome

We 9th Drop in for Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30am-12 noon
 Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

Sat 12th Orton Farmers' Market 9.30am-2.30pm

Su 13th Confirmation Service at Ravenstonedale, **3pm**
 Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin, 6pm

Mo 14th Bampton Amblers, meet MH, 10am
 Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.30pm. All welcome
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Tu 15th BDLHS, Small Hall, from 2pm, Old photos of Bampton & Burnbanks
 Lent Discussion Group, venue tba, 2.30-4pm

We 16th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
 Bomby Green Management Committee, Small Hall, 7.30pm

Th 17th St. Patrick's Day service, **6.30pm**, followed by supper in the Church Hall, 7pm

Sa 19th Bampton Cinema, MH, "Slow West". Doors open 7pm

Su 20th Holy Communion with Clive Pattinson, 9.15am
Beverley's Induction at St Mary's Church, Ambleside, **2.30pm**

Mo 21st French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
No Pilates

Tu 22nd Bampton Amblers, meet MH, 9.30am
Bampton Parish Council Meeting, MH, 7.30pm. All welcome

We 23rd Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

Th 24th Maundy Thursday service, **7pm**, followed by bring-and-share supper

Fr 25th Good Friday, a quiet service for the day, **10am**
Walk from St Michael's to Shap Abbey, Keld Chapel and back to St Michael's, **12 noon-3pm**

Sa 26th Come to the Church Hall at 5.30pm to make your Eastingle
Easter Saturday Eastingle & Service of Light, **6pm**

Su 27th Easter Day, Holy Communion with Sandra, **10am**

Mo 28th Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm

We 30th Bampton Amblers, meet MH, 1.30pm
Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
CAMEO, Church Hall, 7.30pm

Editors note – Copy deadline

As I shall be away for the next two issues of the Newsletter, could all copy for the April/May and June/July editions be forwarded to Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) roger_storey@btinternet.com or left at the Post Office. Copy deadline for the APRIL/MAY issue is 5pm on Friday 18th March – early but necessary in view of the Easter holiday and the need to get the Newsletters printed and delivered before the end of the month.

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